

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005. Claims 15-28 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 15-28 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 15-21 and 26-28 were cancelled, claim 22 was amended and claims 29-37 were added. Claims 22-25 and 29-37 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 22-25 and 29-37 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to because they do not clearly show the relationship (claimed in claims 17 and 27) between the pawl and the collar.

Figure 9 has been amended to show the relationship between the pawl and the collar, therefore, the above objections to the drawings should be removed. A replacement drawings is attached to this amendment.

Objection to the Claims

Claim 28 was objected to because of informalities.

Claim 28 has been cancelled, therefore, the above objection is moot.

§ 112 Rejections

Claims 15-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and/or failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claims 15-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 15-21 and 26-27 have been cancelled, therefore, the above rejection is moot. Please note, that amended claim 22, previously presented claims 23-25 and new claims 29-37 overcome the 112 rejections presented by the Examiner.

§§ 102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 15 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Facca et al. (U.S.P.N. 6,212,728).

Claims 15, 16 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morad (U.S.P.N. 5,509,163).

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lesley et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0128783).

Claims 15 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Laux et al. (U.S.P.N. 6,732,396).

Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morad (U.S.P.N. 5,509,163).

Claims 18-21 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morad (U.S.P.N. 5,509,163) in view of Lesley et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0128783).

Applicant submits that claims 15-21 and 26-28 were cancelled. Therefore, the above rejections are considered moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner stated that claims 22-25 would be allowable if rewritten (1) to overcome the 112 rejections and (2) to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 22 was rewritten to overcome the 112 rejections and now includes all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant, therefore believes claim 22 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 23-25 depend on claim 22. Since claim 22 is believed to be in condition for allowance, claims 23-25 are also believed to be in condition for allowance on the basis of their dependency on claim 22.

Examiner presented a claim for Applicant's consideration. Examiner stated that the presented claim is patentably distinct over the art of record in this application. Applicant therefore has accepted Examiner's claim and has now presented it as newly presented claims 29. Claim 29 is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 30-37 depend on claim 29. Since claim 29 is believed to be in condition for allowance, claims 30-37 are also believed to be in condition for allowance on the basis of their dependency on claim 29.


CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 06-0515.

Respectfully submitted,



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